

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A BEACON OF HOPE, A CALL TO SERVE

Second Sunday after Christmas/Epiphany Sunday

January 3, 2021 7:30am, 10:00am

Aloha and Welcome

We are blessed to have you join us for worship today online or in person



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Prelude

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Hymn

Angels, from the realms of glory

Hymnal #93

**Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

Refrain

**Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: *Refrain***

**Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar:
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: *Refrain***

**Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: *Refrain***

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The First Reading **Jeremiah 31:7-14**

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company,

they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Here ends the reading.

Hymn *We three kings of Orient are (vv. 1-4)* **Hymnal #128**
We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain

O - star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never over us all to reign. *Refrain*

Frankincense to offer have I: incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising gladly raising, worship him, God Most High.

Refrain

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb.

Refrain

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Hymn

We three kings of Orient are (vs. 5)

Hymnal #128

**Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings al-le-lu-ia: a--lle-lu-ia the earth replies.**

Refrain

**O - star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading,
still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

The Sermon

Pastor Diane

**Music Meditation (7:30am)
(10:00am)**

**Manny Dayao
Dr. Joseph Eppink**

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Announcements and Birthdays

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B (*Expansive*)

Presider Let us lift our hearts to the Lord and give our thanks and praise. It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us

from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

For those of you joining by live stream or watching this service as a recording at a later time, although you are not physically receiving communion, you are invited to spend this time in prayer, acknowledging your desire to be wholly united with Jesus and for your soul to never be separated from him.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Organ Postlude

PARISH PRAYER LIST

*Please call the church office or speak with Pastor Diane if you have a prayer request. Always ask permission of the person first if you want to add someone's name other than your own. Be sure to provide the church office with updates. **Names added by members will remain on our prayer list for one month. After that time, the names will be cycled off the list, unless there is a request for the name to be added for another month.***

Gedell C., Cal C., Bill and Caity F., Nami Ann F., Sharon F., Alex H., Elaine L., Ivy M., Megan, John M., Ralph P., Dennis P., Pomai S., Bryan S., Landy W., Joe and Kathleen C., Micki H., Sim K., Bill McK., Helena W., Nancy W., Carolyn C., Denis L., Minina (Mimi) A., The Ven. Steve C., Violet T., Carolyn N., Roland W., Rev. Dwight O., Harley C., Robert P., Ralph Matthew P.

***The St. Peter's Prayer Circle.** If you are interested in providing intentional prayers for those on our prayer list and others for whom we pray, become part of the Prayer Circle. Please contact Tiare Ono or the church office.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pledge Reminder: Thank you to those who have turned in your pledge cards for 2021. If you haven't done so yet, you still can. All pledges are gratefully received! Budget planning and decision-making for 2021 will soon be underway. Due to loss of rental income, it will be a challenging year. Thank you for your part in making this ministry possible.

2021 Giving Envelopes are available. If you would like a 2021 book to use for your regular offering, please call the church office.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Weekdays, 6am (St. Peter's website or Facebook page) - A Moment With Music with Dr. Joseph Eppink (*Available "on demand" at other times.*)

Wed, Jan. 6, 10:00am – ZOOM Bible Study class. We discuss the readings for the coming Sunday.

Thurs, Jan. 7, 6:00pm - Jazz Vespers on church Facebook page and website

Scripture readings for next Sunday:

Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

Annual Meeting

Jan. 24, 9am Q&A - Test run for ZOOM meeting

Please plan to attend to learn the ZOOM procedure so all will go smoothly on the 31st! We have volunteers who will also work one-on-one.

Jan. 31, 8:45-9:50am Annual Meeting by ZOOM

Please plan to attend so we reach quorum. In addition to the business, in looking ahead to 2021, this is an opportunity to connect after a long time of separation.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

Organist/Pianist	(7:30am, 10:00am)	Dr. Joseph Eppink
Pianist	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao
Live Streaming	(7:30am)	Terry Dang, Manny Dayao
Table Greeters	(7:30am)	Willis and Jan Yap
	(10:00am)	Haroldwyn Chang, Velma Lee
Lectors	(7:30am)	Beth Cox
	(10:00am)	Jenna Matsumoto

STAFF

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health and an end to
the pandemic!